

A METHOD FOR ALIGNING FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICAL FLOWS WITH AN  
INTERNET EXCHANGE PORTAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for aligning financial and logistical flows within a business to business internet exchange portal is disclosed. The method of the present invention includes the steps of facilitating an auction on the portal between a buyer and a seller; collecting a set of shipping data for a contract entered into between the buyer and seller resulting from the auction; soliciting bids for shipping services required by the contract; receiving a set of shipping bids; and selecting a bid from the set of bids according to a predetermined set of bid evaluation criteria.

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